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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-55, 57-70, 72-77 and 79-82 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 15, 23-26, 29, 31-33, 35-37, 40-55, 62 and 76 are amended. In addition, claims 56, 71 and 78 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following Remarks is respectfully requested. Unless otherwise indicated in the Remarks set forth below, the amendments to the claims are made for the purpose of correcting informalities and/or to more clearly define the claimed invention, and are not made for the purpose of overcoming the cited art.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative, René A. Vázquez, during the March 4, 2004 personal interview. The substance of the personal interview is incorporated as set forth in the remarks set forth below.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

The Office Action rejects claims 1-82 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Boyd et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,112,238 – hereinafter “Boyd”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 6, 40, 55, 62 and 76 recite, *inter alia*, processing new log file data when new log file data is present in the log file, determining an “end of file” location on the log file, and, when new log file data is not present in the log file, periodically checking the log file at predetermined time intervals to check for new log file data, and commences processing of any

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new log file data at a most recent determined "end of file" location. As agreed during the personal interview, Boyd does not teach or suggest these features.

Accordingly, for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that Boyd fails to anticipate the subject matter of claims 1, 6, 40, 55, 62 and 76. Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, claims 7-39 depend from claim 6, claims 41-54 depend from claim 40, claims 63-70 and 72-75 depend from claim 62, and claims 77 and 79-82 depend from claim 76. Thus, these claims are also allowable for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Further, claims 56, 71 and 78 are canceled, and thus their rejection is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-82 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-55, 57-70, 72-77 and 79-82 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **René A. Vázquez**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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